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**Understanding The
Father's Heart**

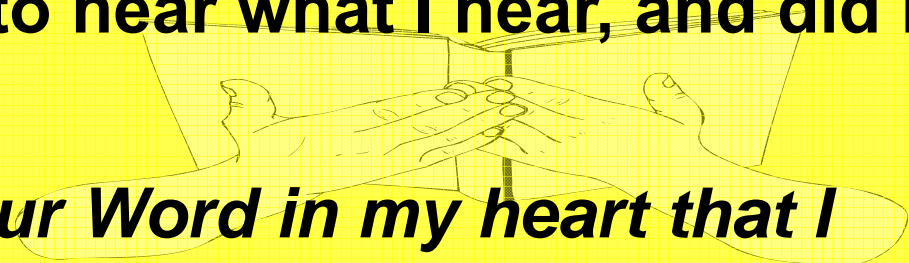
Lord, I pray that the Word, today, would find good soil in my heart.

I reject the spirit of offense! Where the light of Your Word exposes my sin, I do not take offense. I will repent and turn to You, my heavenly Father.

I reject condemnation! Your Word says, *“There is therefore, now, no condemnation for those that are in Christ Jesus.”* This Word does not come to condemn me, but it comes to heal me.

I reject accusation! Satan is the accuser of the brethren and this Word does not come to accuse me or abuse me. This Word exposes satan and his lies and I choose to believe and receive the TRUTH.

God says in His Word, “...blessed *are* my eyes for they see, and my ears for they hear; for many prophets and righteous *men* desired to see what I see, and did not see *it*, and to hear what I hear, and did not hear *it*. (Matthew 13:16)



Therefore I will hide Your Word in my heart that I might not sin against (or miss) the will of God. (Psalm 119:11-12)

Your Word *is* a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. (Psalm 119:105)

I will not forget Your Word. Deal bountifully with me, Your servant, *that* I may live and keep Your Word.

Open my eyes, that I may see wondrous things from Your Word today. (Psalm 119:16-18)



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**John 14: ¹⁸ I will not leave you
orphans; I will come to you.**

*Then He said: "A certain man had two sons. And the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the portion of goods that falls to me.' So he divided to them his livelihood. And not many days after, the younger son gathered all together, journeyed to a far country, and there wasted his possessions with prodigal living. But when he had spent all, there arose a severe famine in that land, and he began to be in want. Then he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country, and he sent him into his fields to feed swine. And he would gladly have filled his stomach with the pods that the swine ate, and no one gave him anything. **But when he came to himself**, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger! 'I will arise and go to my father, and will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you, and I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Make me like one of your hired servants.'*

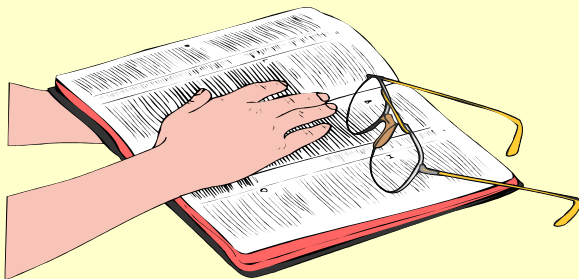
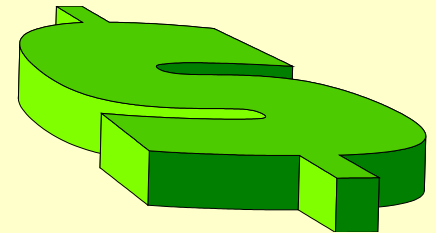
And he arose and came to his father. But when he was still a great way off, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and fell on his neck and kissed him. And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight, and am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his servants, 'Bring out the best robe and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand and sandals on his feet. 'And bring the fatted calf here and kill it, and let us eat and be merry; 'for this my son was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' And they began to be merry.

Now his older son was in the field. And as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. So he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and because he has received him safe and sound, your father has killed the fatted calf.' But he was angry and would not go in. Therefore his father came out and pleaded with him. ***So he answered and said to his father, 'Lo, these many years I have been serving you; I never transgressed your commandment at any time; and yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might make merry with my friends. But as soon as this son of yours came, who has devoured your livelihood with harlots, you killed the fatted calf for him.'*** And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, ***and all that I have is yours.*** It was right that we should make merry and be glad, for your brother was dead and is alive again, and was lost and is found.'" (Luke 15: 11-32)

Both sons lived with an Orphan Spirit

Christians who have an orphan spirit often respond to life's difficulties, challenges, pain, pressure, problems as if though they have no:

- a) **Parent – authority, accountability, guidance, counsel**
- b) **Power – ability, influence, favor**
- c) **Protection – guardians, covering**
- d) **Provision – resources, supply, inheritance**
- e) **Purpose – plans, destination, pattern, design**



How do I know when I'm responding in the orphan spirit?

1. Orphan spirit – everything and everybody else is wrong
2. Orphan spirit – distrust or hates authority, fears submission & accountability
3. Orphan spirit – lacks directions, wanders
4. Orphan spirit – compares everything and everyone
5. Orphan spirit – will be out of order and say, "God told me to..."

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6. Orphan spirit -- inability to make clear strategic decisions
7. Orphan spirit – are achievers, but not receivers
8. Orphan spirit – draw close to people, but drain people
9. Orphan spirit – need to be needed. Go to places where they feel needed.

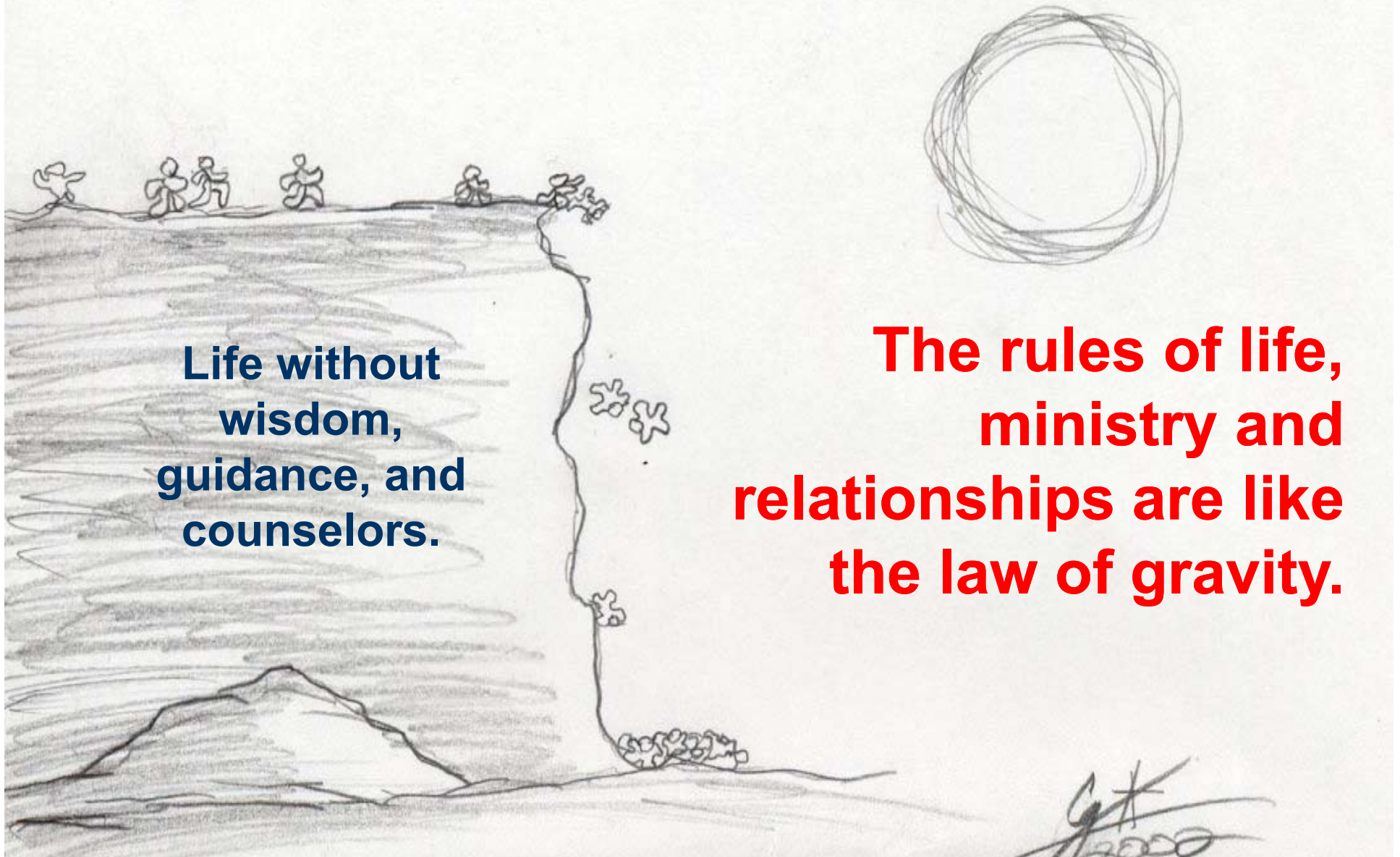
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10. Orphan spirit – always believe they are going to be rejected, then they behave in ways to cause their fears to come true.
11. Orphan spirit – don't know how to honor or lift up others, don't rejoice over success of others. Always talk about themselves.
12. Orphan spirit – always have to win, have to prove themselves
13. Orphan spirit – feel they must be perfect to gain God's favor, must live up to standards of perfection, get angry at their own & other's shortcomings.

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14. Orphan spirit - Either self reject or always compare themselves with others
15. Orphan spirit – compete with their peers, rivalries, jealousy in relationships
16. Orphan spirit – want God to bless what they are doing instead of doing what God is blessing. Orphan spirits have many plans, but can't seem to get them started or completed.

It's NOT going to happen to me.....!



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“All that I have is yours.”

The thing you are supposed to do with your life right now is to receive the heart of God, your Father. Many of you have been like me. I was living in the Father’s house without understanding the Father’s heart. I was working in the Father’s field, without ever partaking of the fruit of the labor. Remember the father’s answer to his angry elder son: *“Son, you are always with me, **and all that I have is yours.**”*

* *Can* you receive this promise from God? He says, “*All that I have is yours.*” The added blessing in the statement is that it has **always been yours**. You do not have to look around and compare your progress to anyone else. There is a specific plan just for you. There are some practical steps to find your son-ship (my father), adoption papers, path and purpose. Together, we will walk through the discovery process.

A Treasure Hunt

To discover your path and purpose there are some things you have to understand about God's way. Proverbs 25:2 *It is the glory of God to conceal a thing: but the honor of kings is to search out a matter.*

God has declared you to be a king and it is the honor of kings to **search out** the thing God has concealed. No, God is not playing a game of hide and seek. He wants to give you greater insight into His **ways**. Psalm 103:7 says, *He made known his ways unto Moses, his acts unto the children of Israel.* *

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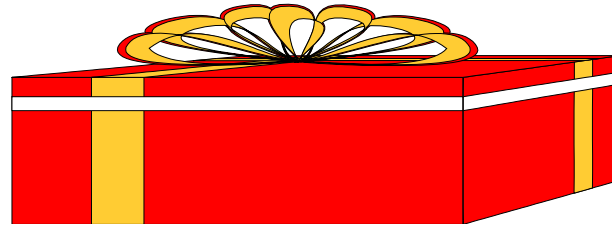
From this scripture we can see there is a difference between God's **ways** and His **acts**. Moses had a higher level of relationship with God than the people He was leading. You may be familiar with the **acts** of God or the many things He has done for you. Now He has brought you into a season where He wants you to understand His **ways** or the reasons why He does what He does.

He is requiring that you put away the immature understanding of life, which says, "*God must do What, When, and How I say because He is supposed to supply all my need.*" This is a very childish understanding of God. You must remember when you talk to God, that **He is God.**

He holds the universe together. Billions upon billions of miles of space are like an inch to Him. The power of an atomic explosion is like a whisper to Him. Billions of voices and lives are going forth on Earth simultaneously, and He is fully aware of each one of them. He knows how each decision a person makes impacts tens, hundreds, and thousands of other people of whom they may never be aware.

So when you consider how and what you say to Him, the first approach is with **humility** and **thanksgiving**. It is with submission, awe and respect. It is with love for Him and not out of selfishness.

He has taken great delight in concealing His mysteries and giving His children clues. He watches them like a father on Christmas day, with great wonder, unwrap them.



Your life is like a specially wrapped gift. He wants you to unwrap the mystery. These gifts are not hidden from you, but for you. He calls it honorable for **you** to be *willing* to unwrap the gifts. It is honorable for Him to be *able* to give you a map to search out the spot where a chest full of diamonds, rubies, and gold are hidden away for you.

By going through the searching process, we appreciate the gift and the Giver so much more.

God's heart is a Father's heart

One of my spiritual daughters dubbed me with the name, *Nugget of Wisdom*, partly because of the methods God has given me to minister to this generation. As a special Father's Day gift, I was given a hard hat for construction workers with the letters N.O.W. (Nugget of Wisdom), written on it. The sentiment was so very personal and I appreciated the thought behind the gift. Our spiritual children said God used me to come into their lives, like a construction worker, to break up negative things in the foundation of their lives..

I would like to take it a step further than just the acknowledgement of the gift in me by referring to the gift God wants to reveal in you. I believe He wants to come into each of your lives like a hard hat wearing construction worker, to break up all kinds of walls and barriers that have kept you from seeing Him for who He really is. He is your Father. The poor images of earthly fathers have greatly distorted the true picture of God.

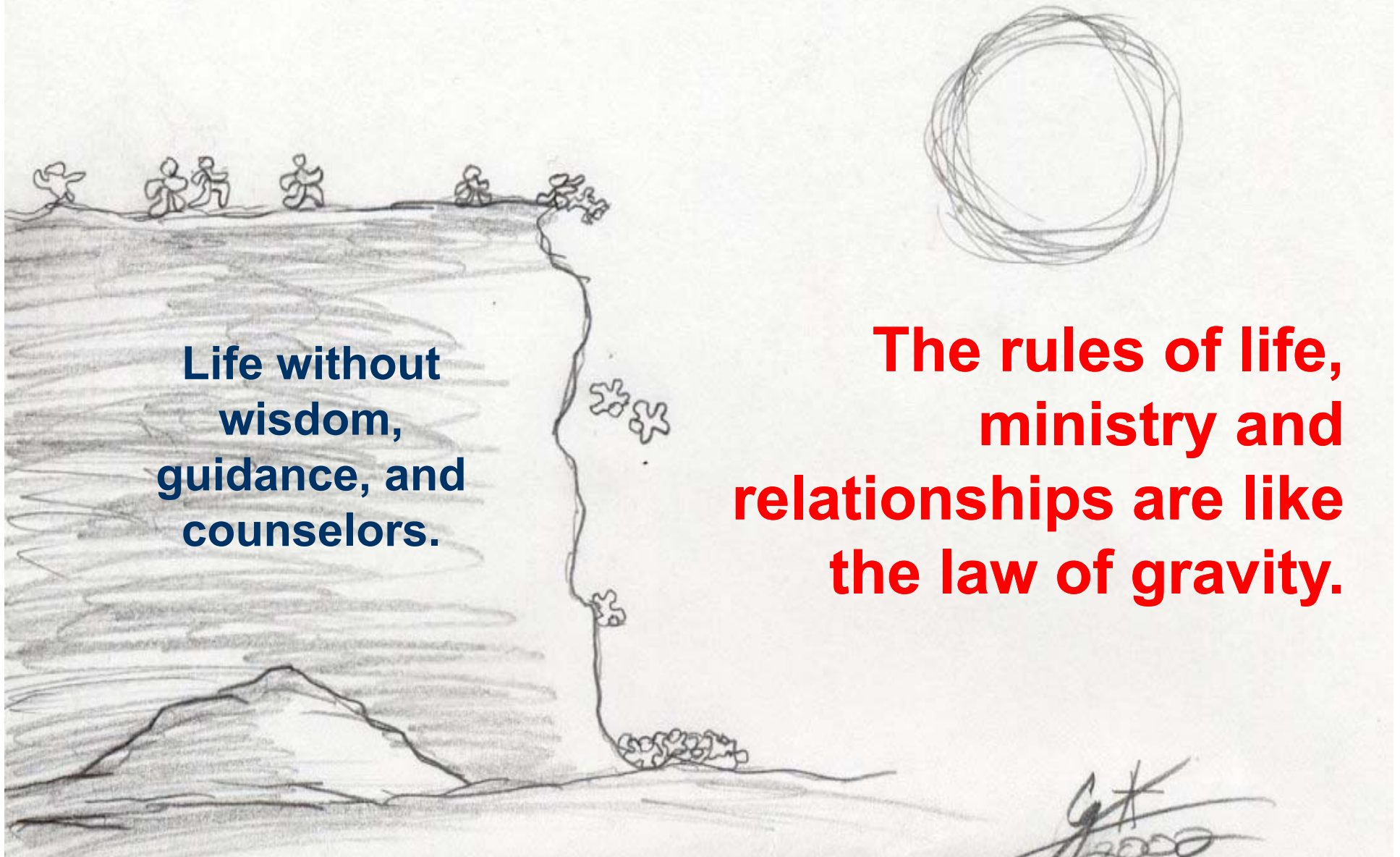
Some of us are living with the haunting fear of abandonment and no real expectations for God to do any of the things He promised in the Bible. Things **CAN** be done, but we do not believe they **WILL** be done. TODAY, God distinguishes Himself from the disappointment of earthly fathers.

*For the Lord God is a sun and shield; The Lord will give grace and glory; **No good thing will He withhold** from those who walk uprightly. (Psalm 84:11) **

We know how important it is for you to have this kind of breakthrough in your life so prepare your heart to receive from God!



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**Proverbs 19: ²⁰ Listen to counsel and receive instruction,
That you may be wise in your latter days. There are many
plans in a man's (orphan's) heart, Nevertheless the Lord's
counsel—that will stand.**

Counsel

עצה 'êtsáh *ay-tsaw'*

From the word **yâ'ats *yaw-ats'***; *advice*; by implication *plan*;
also *prudence*:—*advice, advisement, counsel, counselor, purpose.*

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עצה **yâ'ats *yaw-ats'***

**A primitive root; to *advise*; reflexively to *deliberate*
or *resolve*:— take or receive advice, advise (well), to
consult, (take) counsel, to take advice from a counselor,
determine, devise, guide, purpose.**

There are things you must deliberate and resolve: (Counselors can provide a checklist of things you need to consider as you try to move forth in your plans)

Legal issues resolved, Federal incorporation, state incorporation, fund raising do's and don'ts. Board of elders, articles of incorporation, membership requirements, donation record keeping, computer and accounting systems, security, liability insurance, property insurance, phone system, website and e-mail system. Staffing and employment system, health care, quarterly and monthly filings for Federal, State and Local taxes, Federal and State unemployment insurance, corporate taxes. Building codes and inspections, heating, cooling, utilities, janitorial and maintenance, etc.

Courses in ministry ethnics and protocol, various workshops and seminars on church or ministry business administration, 30 week Biblical counseling course, 16 week Supervisory training, 16 week mini MBA course, Leadership Training course, 1 Year of Basic Bible Doctrines, 6 years of youth ministry experience, 12 years of pastoral experience, 14 years of church administration.

How is your marriage? How is your family? Is your spouse in agreement with what you are doing? Can your family/ children handle the pressure that you are about to bring on them? How is your financial situation? Are you still still struggling with some secret sins? Is there something in your past that remains unresolved (rape, incest, abuse, assault, conflicts with family, jobs, churches or pastors)?

Have you counted up the cost BEFORE you tried to work your plans?

There are many plans in a man's (orphan's) heart, nevertheless

The Lord's advice will stand.

The Lord's plan will stand.

The Lord's prudence will stand

The Lord's purpose will stand.

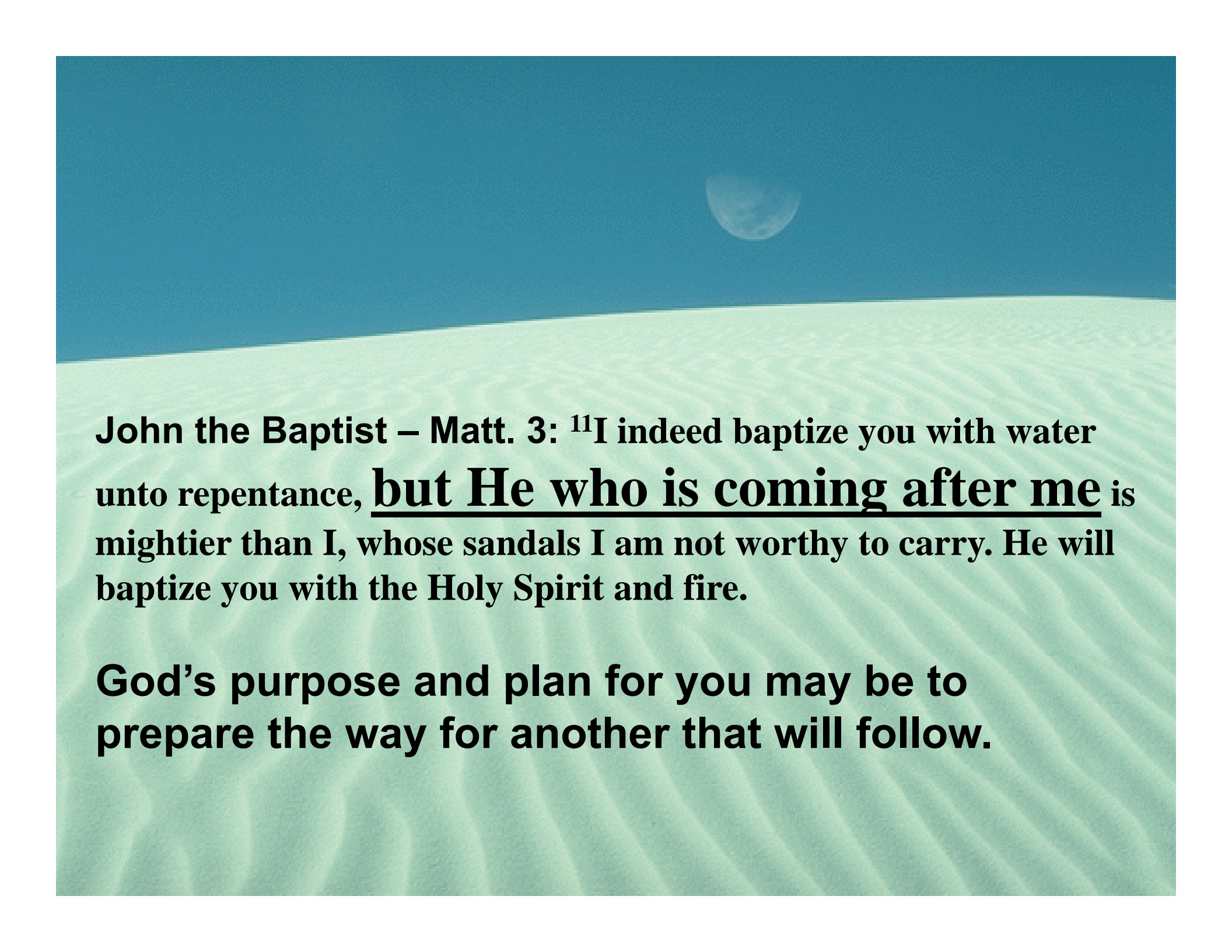
Everything that God shows you that needs to be done, does not mean He wants you to be the one to do it.

You must find out what are things you must do and what are the things you must declare.

John the Baptist – Matt. 3: 1-3 In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, ²and saying, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!” ³For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah, saying:

“The voice of one crying in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord; Make His paths straight.’”



John the Baptist – Matt. 3: ¹¹I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

God's purpose and plan for you may be to prepare the way for another that will follow.

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2 Samuel 7:1-29

- **David had a desire to build a house for the Lord**
- **The Prophet Nathan told David to go and do all that was in his heart. (*Many are the plans in a man's heart...*)**
- **The Word (counsel) of the Lord came to Nathan**
- **David's descendant would build the house**
- **God wanted to build and establish David's house**
- **David submitted to God's counsel, advice, plan, purpose**
- **David prepared his descendant to build a house for God**
- **David sowed into a work, a plan, & a vision that he would not live to see. (1Chron. 22: 5-19, 1Chron. 28:9-29:19)**

To be released from the orphan spirit:

Receive the Love of God

Feel the Heart of God

Submit to the Word of God

Stop trying to build a house (work, ministry, church) for God

Allow God to build your house

Allow God to establish your house

Allow God to bless your house

Allow God to give you discernment for your season:

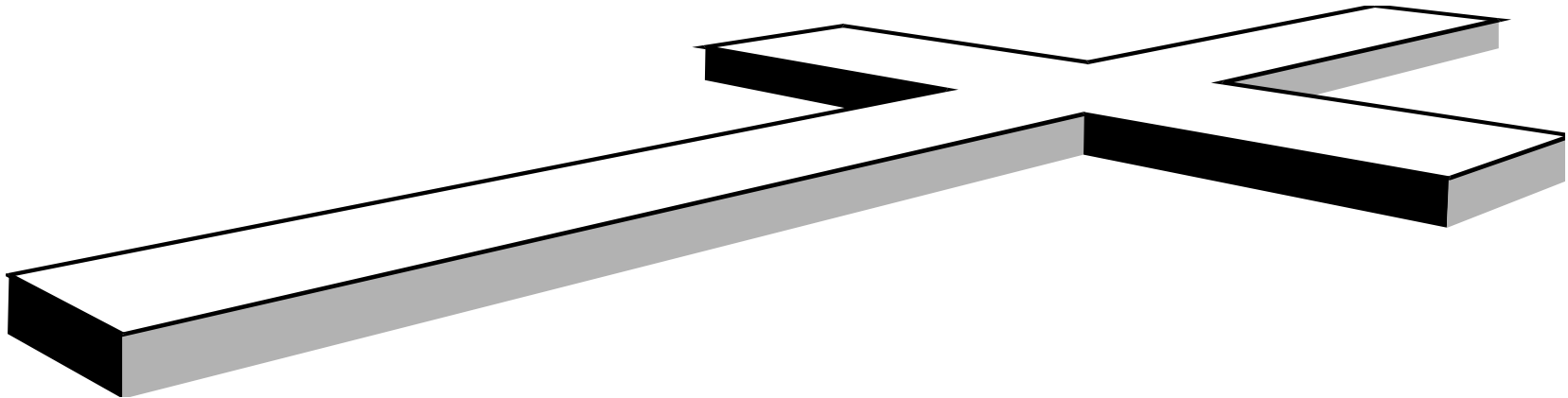
a.) Is it time for God to build your house?

b.) Is it time to prepare your seed to build God's house?

c.) Are you a descendant who must receive the plans and prosperity to build the house of God?

This proverb indicates three things:

- 1.) All of the plans in my heart are not the counsel and plans of the Lord.**
- 2.) I can have God's plans in my heart, but if I do not take advice from the Lord, He will let my plans fail and look for someone else who will take His counsel & take His advice.**
- 3.) I need the counsel of the Lord to help me discern the difference between my plans and God's plans**



**Nothing is more practical than getting wisdom from God
Since the word for counsel comes from a root word that
means to deliberate or resolve, to take advice, to take
counsel, receive from a counselor or a consultant, take
or receive guidance,**

**I must get free from the orphan spirit so that I can
receive guidance, counsel and advice from the Lord
through the delegated authorities, parents, pastors,
leaders that He has placed in my life.**

The success of every genuine leader has come in some way or another by gathering nuggets of wisdom. When I looked at people I admired and wanted to emulate, I always had one question: *“How did they get started?”* Maybe you have the same question. Someone has a BIG vision. You have written down plans and made proposals, but you do not know where to begin. Professionals can counsel you. Pastors can advise you. Friends can encourage you. However, only God can get you started. It does not begin with an administrative planning meeting or brainstorming. It does not begin with a financial plan, wealthy investors, private grants or church donations. The starting point is right here, **right now!** Receive the **NOW** (**Nuggets Of Wisdom**) word from God’s heart to you!



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